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SUBJECT: UNESCO: THIRD MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL
COMMISSION FOR STUDY OF COMMUNICATION
PROBLEMS (ICSCP): PARIS, JULY 10-13

1. THIRD ICSCP MEETING WAS BY FAR LIVLIEST AND HEATED
OF THE THREE, PROBABLY OWING TO FACT THAT COMMISSIONERS
FOR FIRST TIME HAD SPECIFIC PAPERS AND ISSUES TO
RESPOND TO. MEETING WAS ALSO MARKED BY FIRST EXCHANGE
REFLECTING EAST-WEST IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT CONCERNING
PRESS FREEDOM.

2. MAJOR ITEM ON AGENDA WAS DRAFT "INTERIM REPORT"
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20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE (OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1978), WHERE
IT WILL BE DISCUSSED AS AN AGENDA ITEM.

3. ICSCP SECRETARIAT'S ORIGINAL DRAFT REPORT WAS A
150-PAGE DOCUMENT ASSEMBLED FROM ASSORTED WRITINGS OF
STAFF AND OUTSIDE "SPECIALISTS," ALL BUT ONE (AN
AMERICAN) OF WHOM ARE KNOWN FOR LEFT LEANING VIEWS.

THESE INCLUDED REYES MATTA, COMMISSIONER SOMAVIA'S COLLEAGUE AT THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF TRANS-NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN MEXICO CITY, LUIS ECHEVERRIA, FORMER PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, JAMES HALLORAN, LEICESTER UNIVERSITY, UK, AND FRANCIS BALLE, A "MEDIA RESEARCHER" IN FRANCE. A SOVIET MEDIA SPECIALIST, LEONID MITROFANOVICH ZAMIATIN, ARRIVED ONE MONTH LATE, AND STAYED ONLY LONG ENOUGH TO COLLECT HIS FEES. THE DRAFT "INTERIM REPORT" STITCHED TOGETHER FROM THEIR WRITINGS, ALSO REVEALS THEIR POLITICAL SLANT. THE DRAFT INCLUDED A GREAT MANY ASSUMPTIONS CONCERNING ISSUES NOT EVEN DISCUSSED BY COMMISSIONERS AND PRESAGED THE DIRECTION THE FINAL REPORT MIGHT TAKE, INCLUDING ITS CONCLUSIONS.

4. WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING, THE CONSIDERATION OF "NEW WORLD INFORMATION ORDER" WAS INJECTED INTO COMMISSION'S DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWING SECRETARIAT'S SUBMISSION OF TWO PAPERS ON THIS TOPIC PREPARED BY COMMISSIONERS MASMOUDI (TUNISIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INFORMATION) AND BOGDAN OSOLNIK (VICE PRESIDENT FEDERAL COUNCIL OF YUGOSLAV NATIONAL ASSEMBLY). PRESENTATION BY AUTHORS INTERRUPTED DISCUSSION OF INTERIM REPORT, AND DEBATE WHICH FOLLOWED TOOK UP ALL OF SECOND DAY.

5. MASMOUDI PAPER (BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT) DRAWS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UPON EVERYTHING PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN ON NEW WORLD INFORMATION ORDER. IT PRESENTS AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF GRIEVANCES AND ACCUSATIONS REGARDING DOMINATION OF WORLD'S INFORMATION SYSTEM BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND ANALYZES "THE CONSEQUENCES" FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FROM POLITICAL, LEGAL, SOCIAL, AND TECHNICAL STANDPOINT. THE FINAL SECTION DEALS WITH PROPOSED SOLUTIONS AND THE ROLES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY DEVELOPED AND UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN BRINGING THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER INTO BEING.

6. MASMOUDI INITIATIVE FOLLOWED HIS FAILURE TO HAVE

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TOPIC INSCRIBED ON AGENDA OF COMMISSION'S STOCKHOLM MEETING (APRIL 24-28) AND TO HAVE COMMISSION ENDORSE HIS PROPOSAL FOR SEMINAR OF EXPERTS TO DEFINE THIS CONCEPT IN ADVANCE OF COMMISSION'S JULY MEETING. MASMOUDI PAID VISIT ON M'BOW FOLLOWING STOCKHOLM MEETING AND OBTAINED FUNDS FROM DG TO CONVENE IN TUNIS A GROUP OF EXPERTS, WHICH INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM EAST GERMANY AND VIETNAM, TO HELP FORMULATE MASMOUDI'S PAPER. FINAL TYPING AND REPRODUCTION WAS DONE BY ICSCP SECRETARIAT (DELEON) WITHOUT CHAIRMAN MACBRIDE'S KNOWLEDGE, FURTHER EXACERBATING RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM. OSOLNIK'S PAPER WAS PRODUCED WITHOUT SECRETARIAT ASSISTANCE AND WAS SUBMITTED WITHOUT ITS PRIOR KNOWLEDGE.

7. COMMISSIONERS' REACTIONS TO PAPER WERE GENERALLY
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FAVORABLE. ONLY ABEL (USA) AND ZIMMERMAN (CANADA) RAISED STRONG OBJECTIONS, WITH ZAMIATIN (USSR), VERGHESE (INDIA), NAGAI (JAPAN), AND LUBIS (INDONESIA) EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS. MOST THIRD WORLD REPS WELCOMED PAPERS AS MEANS FOR HELPING COMMISSION TO FULFILL M'BOW'S MANDATE TO COMMISSION THAT IT STUDY

CONCEPT OF NEW WORLD INFORMATION ORDER AND ITS IMPLICATIONS. THEIR GENERAL ATTITUDE WAS THAT TIME HAS COME FOR WORLD-WIDE REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH AS LINKED TO COMMUNICATION AND THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MORALLY OBLIGATED TO SEE THIS THROUGH.

8. ZAMIATIN'S RESPONSE DIFFERED FROM THAT OF LAST MEETING WHERE HE DENOUNCED NEW WORLD INFORMATION CONCEPT AS INCOMPREHENSIBLE, AND SCOFFED AT TITLE AS MERE SLOGANIZING. WHILE EXPRESSING UNHAPPINESS WITH TITLE AS SUGGESTING THAT THE OLD ORDER MUST NOW BE SCRAPPED, ZAMIATIN SUPPORTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' EFFORTS TO REDRESS MEDIA IMBALANCES AND TO DECOLONIALIZE WORLD INFORMATION PROCESS. HOWEVER, WHENEVER TEXT LINKED TASS WITH OTHER WORLD NEWS AGENCIES AS DOMINATING INFLUENCES OR SUGGESTED THAT USSR ENJOYED PRIVILEGED POSITION WITH OTHER WORLD POWERS AND THAT IT SHOULD GIVE UP SOME OF THESE PRIVILEGES, SUCH AS THROUGH THE REDISTRIBUTION OF THE RADIO SPECTRUM, ZAMIATIN REJECTED CRITICISM AND SAID THAT AUTHORS FAILED TO FACE REALITIES OF WORLD SITUATION.

9. AFTER VIGOROUS DEBATE ON WHETHER MAIN POINTS OF PAPERS SHOULD BE INTEGRATED INTO TEXT OF INTERIM REPORT, IT WAS DECIDED, MOSTLY AT URGING OF CHAIRMAN MACBRIDE, THAT BOTH PAPERS BE APPENDED.

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10. IN FINAL STAGES OF DEBATE ON INTERIM REPORT, TWO SEPARATE EXCHANGES WERE PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY. BEUVE-MERY (FOUNDER OF LE MONDE) WHO HAS SAID VERY LITTLE IN ANY PREVIOUS SESSION, CHALLENGED ZAMIATIN'S SUGGESTION THAT A PARAGRAPH BE DELETED WHICH STATED THAT "BUREAUCRATIC" AND "OLIGOPOLISTIC" CONTROLS SHOULD BE AVOIDED AND WAYS SOUGHT TO ACHIEVE GREATER FREEDOMS FOR ALL PEOPLE; AND FURTHERMORE, THAT ANY MEDIA, INCLUDING THOSE CONTROLLED BY THE STATE, NEED TO BE SCRUTINIZED. ZAMIATIN DENOUNCED THESE CONCEPTS AS "EXTRANEIOUS" ISSUES AND A TRIVIAL NOTION WHICH DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THIRD WORLD IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR INFORMATION CAPACITIES. BEUVE-MERY RESPONDED FROM AN ARTICLE BY DEAN OF MOSCOW UNIVERSITY, WHICH ASSERTED THAT THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE ADMINISTRATION OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS WAS BY THE STATE, AND THAT THE MEDIA MUST BE AN INSTRUMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT. BEUVE-MERY RETORTED THAT SUCH A NOTION IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE RECOGNITION OF A PLURALIST WORLD, AND THAT THE SOVIET CONCEPT IF GENERALLY SUBSCRIBED TO, MAKES THE COMMISSION'S WORK USELESS.

11. IN THE FINAL SESSION, OMU (NIGERIA) AND MASMOUDI SAID THAT THE DRAFT INTERIM REPORT WAS "TOO WELL BALANCED," AND THEREFORE DIMINISHED THE FORCE OF ARGUMENT ON BEHALF OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, WHICH THE COMMISSION HAD BEEN CONVENED TO HELP. ABEL WAS THE ONLY COMMISSIONER WHO REBUTTED THIS ARGUMENT. TORRES

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